

priorities, and we determine which things are important to us. If we want to, we can tell others why those things are important to us, but nobody can compel us to do that. But in any case, we make that determination. We determine how important enough...how important it is to us. Is it important enough to try to do everything within the rules to stop it, even at the risk of alienating people for two or three minutes? Or is it important enough only for us to say I will do this when we know that we are not going to do it and others know we are not going to do it? I don't like LB 37. The rest of the morning will probably be taken up with motions. It would be better, in my opinion, to go ahead and bracket this bill. Then other bills that have General Fund impact, bracket them the same way. Then when we do the battle, not only will we have similar type bills before us insofar as their impact on the General Fund, but they can more easily try to link these issues. We don't have to say pass my bill to Select File today, and trust me to vote to pass yours to Select tomorrow or the next day when it comes up. We have all of these different people, none of whom trust the other, eyeing each other skeptically wondering if you ought to undergo the risk of voting for somebody's bill today in exchange for their promise to vote for yours tomorrow. We know how lobbyists intervene. We know how a yes today becomes a maybe this afternoon, and a no before the evening arrives. So if we bracket this bill and all the rest of them, I would prefer that we bracket it until a Fri...until a Monday. We will have a weekend during which to review all of these bills, stake out whatever position we are going to take on them, and, also, it would give the opportunity for people on opposing sides to try to work out agreements, if that is what they want to do. But the purpose of this amendment is to change the date from the 8th, which is a Friday, to the 11th, which is a Monday, and I don't think that weekend intervening is going to make that much difference. If agreements are reached on Monday, the same thing that ca...the same thing can be done then that could have been done on the preceding Friday. So what this amendment that I am offering does is to change the date in Senator Hall's motion from April 8th to April 11th. The 8th is on a Friday, the 11th is on a Monday. If these bills are of the type that will require people to try to work something out, there should be a break from our regular daily debates so that that exercise can be undertaken. The weekend allows it. Not only does it give free time, but it also takes away the necessity of being away from the floor trying to find a moment here, a moment there or a couple of hours here and there during which to try to pull